

# Pendleton Women Have Played Important Part in City's Life and Progress

Women's Activities Through Clubs and Other Organizations Helpful in Work for Community Advancement—Much Work Initiated by Fair Sex

Woman's sphere is the home, according to the doctrine taught since the world was young, but Pendleton women have done much to prove that her sphere is not alone the home but any place for which she has been endowed and equipped. Certainly, there have been few activities in the city in which the women have not played their part and played it well, and in some activities they have taken the initiative, carried the entire burden and brought success.

The business men of the city have

its first work done, the club was inspired to undertake other activities and became known as the Pendleton Civic and Library association. The library having developed strength to "fly with its own wings," the supervisory power was relinquished to a library board and the club embarked upon a career of civic improvement and uplift.

The membership is not limited, the only condition being that each member contribute one dollar a year, toward any civic enterprise undertaken

cussion and study alone. They have manifested an interest in many undertakings for the improvement of the city and their co-operation has been most helpful.

The Thursday Afternoon Club is sometimes called the "Mother Club of Oregon" because it was the first organization in the state to become affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This was in 1894. In 1899 it became a member of the State Federation. The club was organized in the eighties and among its

The officers of the club are: Mrs. G. M. Rice, president; Mrs. James Johns, vice president; Mrs. Arle C. Hampton, secretary, and Mrs. C. S. Jerard, treasurer.

As a social center, Pendleton has an enviable reputation. An unusual number of card clubs and sewing circles exist and they are responsible for many enjoyable gatherings during the winter and spring. Among these clubs might be mentioned the North Side Bridge Club, the Duplicate Whist Club, the Evening Bridge club, the

become instrumentalities for the accomplishment of definite ends. For instance the Ladies' aid of the Methodist church assumed \$5000 of the debt on a \$40,000 church and paid it off within five years.

Women principally compose the Pendleton Relief Association which has carried on benevolent work here for a number of years. Its most recent work was a Christmas campaign by which it gave 20 families Christmas dinners and made 50 children

happy with toys of which they had only dreamed before.

An article on the activity of women in the life of Pendleton would be incomplete without mention of her work in making possible the Round-up Pendleton's big world-renowned annual cowboy festival. Had the ladies of the city not, from the first, showed their patriotic spirit by throwing open their homes during the holiday week to provide beds and food for the thousands who come here, it would not have been possible for Pendleton to

accommodate three times her own population each year, and the first failure to accommodate the crowd would have placed the Round-up in the rank of small country fairs.

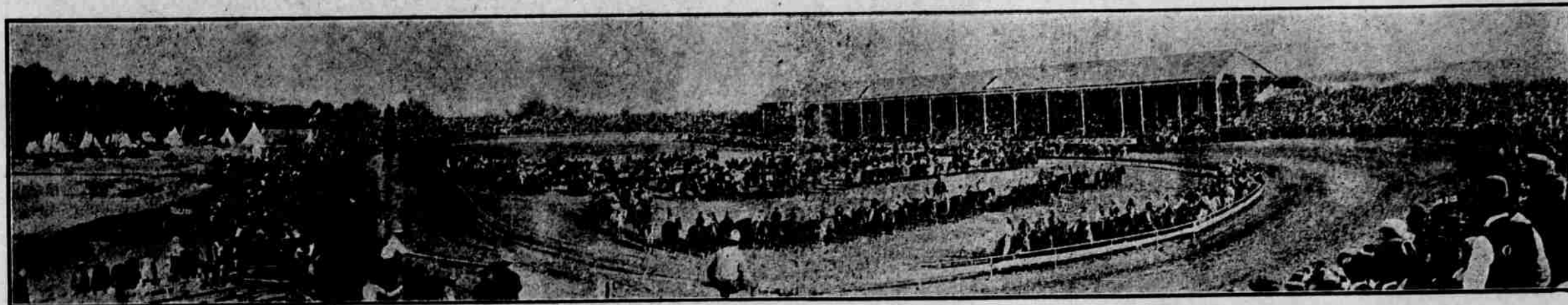
The women of Pendleton are a helpful, public-spirited and energetic lot and the whole city takes pride in their activities.

An officer of the Western Pacific reports that along the line of that road from Oroville, Cal. to Gerlach, Nevada, 233 miles, three or four thousand unemployed men have camped out nightly during the past month. It is said that large numbers of these men are members of the "Industrial Workers of the World."

At the Pennsylvania station in Philadelphia 39 passengers, in the smoking car of a train from the west, were forced by the health authorities to submit to being vaccinated, a passenger having been found in the car who was suffering from virulent amputox. Two of the passengers resisted the efforts of the health officers for ten hours.

Reductions have been made in the forces in the shops of the Southern Pacific company in California; the reduction, in most cases, being a very small percentage of the total force.

At the 1913 Round-Up there were over 60,000 admissions during the three days--in accommodating and entertaining the visitors Pendleton women show energy and hospitality.



their Commercial association, while the ladies, who have the best interests of Pendleton at heart, have their Civic club. While the one is attending to the upbuilding of the commercial strength of the community, the other is promoting the affairs which the men sometimes lose sight of in their eagerness of more material things. Affairs no less important to a city than its prosperity; its visual beauty, its mental and moral uplift, its health, etc.

The Pendleton Civic Club came into existence in December, 1908, only five years ago, but in that time it has made its strength manifest. It was founded for the express purpose of establishing a free public library and was known originally as the Woman's Library association. Its first purpose was realized. Through its efforts the city took over the several hundred volumes belonging to the Commercial association, opened rooms in the city hall, levied an annual tax, secured a capable librarian and soon made the public library a flourishing institution. It has grown to be a very valuable asset to the city and just recently has grown into a county library, thus extending its usefulness to every community that cares to take advantage of it.

by the club. In addition to the promoting of the free library, the club has to its credit a number of notable achievements. With the Current Literature Club, it labored until it saw the establishment of a rest room for visiting women and children from the country and is now assisting in the maintenance of this institution. It has succeeded in installing a number of sanitary drinking fountains on the streets of Pendleton. It began the move for the beautification of the depot grounds and is now trying to improve them still further. It has cooperated with the city council in the annual "clean-up days," and only lately instituted a successful anti-billboard campaign. It has succeeded in providing free lectures on civic topics and has accomplished many other worthy ends.

The present officers of the club are Mrs. J. S. Landers, president; Mrs. J. F. Robinson, first vice president; Mrs. George A. Hartman, Jr., second vice president; Mrs. Ida Fowler, secretary, and Mrs. E. T. Wade, treasurer.

The Literary Clubs. The two oldest women's organizations in the city are the Thursday Afternoon and Current Literature Clubs. They are primarily literary and cultural clubs but their work is not dis-

charter members who are still active in the life of the organization are Mrs. Mary J. Lane, Mrs. John Halley, Jr., Mrs. Benjamin S. Burroughs and Mrs. Edwin P. Marshall.

The membership of the club is limited to 25 and no new members are elected except upon the removal, death or withdrawal of the old ones. It meets fortnightly at the homes of the members. This year it is studying the British Isles.

The present officers of the club are: Mrs. Stephen A. Lowell, president; Mrs. George A. Hartman, Jr., vice president; Mrs. W. C. McKinney, recording secretary; Mrs. Adolph Schaefer, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Gilbert W. Phelps, treasurer.

The Current Literature Club has its birth almost contemporaneously with the Thursday Afternoon Club and became affiliated with the General Federation and the State Federation in 1899. Among the still active charter members are Mrs. Norborne Berkeley, Mrs. Mattie La Dow and Mrs. Nancy DeSpain.

Like its sister organization, the Current Literature Club meets every two weeks at the homes of its members and is limited in membership to 25. The subject of study for the current year is "South America."

Luncheon Bridge club, the Jolly Neighbors, the Young Ladies' Bridge Club, the South Hill Bridge Club, The Busy Bee Club, the Mistletoe Club and the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club. Also many of the lodges in this city have auxiliary organizations for ladies, all of which are quite active.

W. C. T. U.

But the woman's work in Pendleton is by no means limited to the club life. There is a very active chapter of the W. C. T. U. with thirty members enrolled. Mrs. S. A. Lowell is president, Mrs. George W. Rugg, vice president, Mrs. J. H. Raley, recording secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. A. F. May, corresponding secretary.

Pendleton also has a chapter in the American Woman's League which last year held interesting meetings for the discussion of political subjects. The campaign for the enfranchisement of women in Oregon gave rise to the Political Equality League in Pendleton, of which Mrs. C. S. Terpening is president and Mrs. M. L. Akers secretary. The club made a strong fight for political recognition for women and was a factor in the success of the issue at the polls.

Church Activities. All of the churches of the city have their Ladies' Aid Societies which have

## SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT LOCAL NEWS OCCURRING DURING YEAR JUST CLOSED

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to secure filing on power site without cost. Matlock and Rittner chosen to pilot local ball club.

February 6—Postmaster Brown announces engagement in furniture business. C. E. Roosevelt adjudged bankrupt.

February 7—French restaurant building is sold for \$30,000. Pendleton high girls defeat Walla Walla at basketball.

February 8—Baker and North Yakima are taken into the Tri-State league.

February 10—Collection of taxes commences.

February 11—Professor Dryden of O. A. C. lectures on poultry industry. H. J. Doolittle lectures on cement.

February 12—Lloyd Hall, high school boy, killed accidentally with rifle. Twelve-year-old Ethel Grubb meets death under train wheels.

Mayor Matlock criticizes people trying to forestall Webb street pavement. Mrs. William Albert of Weston dies here.

February 13—Railroad employees exonerated from blame in death of Ethel Grubb.

February 14—C. E. Heard resigns as secretary of Commercial club. Local anglers oppose anti-screening bill.

February 15—Ed Johnson and George Rexinger arrested for larceny.

February 16—Emil Houser, famed Carlyle athlete takes bride on local reservation.

February 17—R. W. Rittner named secretary of Commercial club. A. D. Rhonimous, well known farmer, passes away.

February 18—Gaffney and Bennett fight to a draw.

February 19—City sued for \$10,000 by J. C. Goldback. Hard surface road proposed to connect city and branch hospital. Small pox found on

reservation. High school team defeats Milton. Tramps rob Wesley Peters, deaf mute.

February 20—Boys confess to robbing Clark hardware store.

February 21—Three thousand dollar mark reached by baseball campaign committee. Railroad company decides to install alarm bell at East Court street crossing.

February 22—School children observe Washington's birthday. Pilot Rock I. O. O. F. building dedicated.

February 24—Terry McKune named manager of Pendleton baseball team. Growing barley is frozen by cold. Commercial team defeats Echo.

February 25—Local people return from Los Angeles rodeo. Big cougar slain by Albee rancher.

February 26—Council orders city attorney to foreclose on Jackson street property owners who refuse to pay assessment. Dr. Whirlwind, noted Indian, dies.

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